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15 September 1948

Chief, London Bureau  
Foreign Broadcast Information Service

c/o American Embassy  
London, W. 1., England

Dear

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Thanks very much for your letter of 8 September.

I am glad that [ ] have arrived and are  
being integrated into your Bureau. I have, as you know, the highest  
regard for them both and feel sure that they will be a decided asset  
to your part of our organization.

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I am indeed greatly relieved and pleased that your transportation  
has finally arrived. If this is properly administered, I am sure that  
it can have a great and favorable effect on the morale of your people.  
I am also pleased that the use of this will permit you to start your  
5-day week schedule and also give us complete coverage until 0330.

Your letter arrived yesterday and your cable concerning the return  
of [ ] arrived this morning. [ ] will undoubtedly be in the  
States before you receive this letter. Nevertheless, I will review  
my thinking on this matter for your information. First of all, we  
have no vacancy at [ ] and I do not anticipate any in the foreseeable  
future. I assume in that case that [ ] still will desire to be  
returned to London, as is indicated in your cable. I am sure it will  
be necessary for us to return him to the States for the purpose of  
reorientation. Unfortunately, it would not be possible for us to place  
him on duty at [ ] for this purpose. We could not justify to Budget  
and Finance and to the General Accounting Office placing an employee of  
one field station on duty for reorientation at another field station,  
which theoretically at least is engaged in the same type operations.  
It will be necessary for him to perform his duty in Washington, D. C.  
I will acquaint him with all of these facts as soon as he arrives.

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I propose to grant him not to exceed 60 days leave, during which  
time he can go to California and do whatever is necessary in connection  
with his mother's condition. Following this period he will have to  
perform duty in Washington for at least as long as the period of his  
leave. This is necessary in order to satisfy the proper authority  
that return travel is for the convenience of the government rather than  
for the employee's convenience. It is the policy of the agency to per-  
mit a person to remain on temporary duty which involves a payment of  
per diem not to exceed 60 days.

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Under these circumstances, I assume that [ ] will be returning to England in January unless there are developments in the meantime which make it possible to assign him here. I doubt seriously that there will be an opportunity to assign him to [ ] and also that a vacancy at CAP-11 can be made for him in Washington. There is an additional difficulty involved in that if he should not return to England he would not be entitled to any per diem while he was on duty in the States. I will discuss all of this with [ ] and let you know of any further developments.

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Please give my regards to the staff and to your family.

Sincerely,

L. K. White

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